OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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THE MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held in Salisbury on Wednesday and Thursday December, 11 and 12. While the attendence was not as large as we expected, the quality of the attendence was most excellent, and the meeting was one of both interest and profit. Matters were discussed of great interest to the Newspaper business, and vital points were handled by our Editors with the vigor that is a characteristic of a North Carolina Editor. Two things were done unanimously, endorsing a six month term for our Public Schools; and endorsing Josephus Daniel for a place in President elect Wilson's Cabinet. Mr. Daniel should be very much gratified at the heartiness with which his endorsement was made regardless of party. We are greately gratified at the spirit of Good fellowship that is found through and through our Press Association, they are a brainy, jolly and sociable guild, that it is a great pleasure to fellowship with, and tis hard to find in any state a more intelligent representative class of men than it was our pleasure to meet at Salisbury. Some choice members of the bunch were absent, but we opine that each of them, had either "gone to Mill with a grist" or were about starting, so couldn't be present.

All we have to say is, they are in ignoraunce as to what they missed, for the good Salisbury people "put the big pot in the little one" in the way of entertaining. "The Smoker" was a very social affair, followed by a Musical in the parlors of the Empire Hotel, which for quality and sweetness was equal to the best.

Then to have seen all that female loveliness! how any man escaped the meshes of Cupid, is just a wonder.

We had a Toast-master of quality in Mr. Klutz at the Banquet, which proved rich in fun and entertainment. It was the most spirited cold water banquet we ever saw, the whole spirit of the evening was jolly and joyous .

The visit to the Spencer shops on Wednesday afternoon was full of interest. This is one of the largest Railway shops in the East, and one of the largest in the country, Those immense Electric power engines that supply the whole plant with power are simply a wonder, and they do their work, with almost as little noise as a humming top.

Then the visit to the Whitney plant where a company has planted over two millions of dollars in a concrete and stone dam, was something worth seeing. While the present plant is not what was needed, a French company is getting ready an Aluminum plant, and expect to make it one of the largest in the world: So something will be done at Whitney. Refreshments were served by the French Company to the Press Association, with a whole hearted hospitality. And everybody seemed to enjoy the jaunt.

Many thanks are due the Salisbury people for their kind hospitality, and our hosts of the Empire Hotel know how to dispense good cheer. We will doubtless have a good time next year in Asheville, but it will be hard to eclipse Salisbury in hospitality.

Peter Schofield is one of the real noblemen of the world, although he is only a Kansas farmer. One day the people riding by the little country schoolhouse near the home of Peter Schofield found the following notice tacked on the schoolhouse door:

The Lord has spared my stock. My horses have gone through the epidemic without loss, and I have twenty head to loan to my less fortunate neighbors, without charge, for plowing. Those who need are welcome to them.

This simple notice brought joy to many of the neighbors of generous Peter Schofield, for a stock plague had raged in the neighborhood.

AN ESSAY ON CRANKS.

IS THERE ANY SUCH CREATURE AS A "CRANK?"

The settled opinion of most curbstone specialists in the natural history of the human race is that the crank is an entirely fictitious species—an animal quite as legendary as the "gyasticus" of the humorist's circus.

The crank, we hear from this source of authority, is simply somebody who disagrees with your ideas. While you call him a crank, he for the reciprocal reason calls you a crank, and the equable exchange of the epithet nullifies lts meaning both ways—wherefore "crank" means nothing at all.

There are others, however, who insist on recognizing cranks as not only a real but a most worthy race. To such observers the title of crank is an enviable distinction—a sort of honorary degree in the university of popular attention.

From this angle of judgment comes the oracular assurance that cranks are really the people who move the world—advanced leaders of reform, progress and enlightenment.

Neither answer, however, suffices to dispose of the question. As a matter of sober truth the crank is not a myth nor yet a demigod. He is a distinct and definable type of human being with warps enough in him to make him less than admirable.

The crank is the man who has simplified the world for himself to a single interest and is bent on corralling everybody else inside the limits of that one interest.

The crank gets his vision focused on one l[illegible] factor of life and thereafter sees only so much of the r[illegible] of the world as can cro[illegible] shimmering and distort[illegible] of his eye."

[illegible] infirmity—the c[illegible]—o f t h e crank.

Full life for any soul depends on full reality. The crank deliberately or unwittingly rejects the great complex variety of what is real.

The world is exceedingly manifold and diversified. As Stevenson said, it is "full of a number of things." The life of mankind is a mighty and interminable web of relationships as adequately as finite understanding can grasp them.

But the unspoken philosophy of crankism denies that wisdom. It resents the multiplicity of existence. Its revolt is expressed in seizing its own center of thinking and pivoting everything there. If facts refuse to swing from the selected pivot, out upon the facts!

This is the characteristic crank temper, and its fault is obvious to those who sense the length and breath of God's creation,

All specialism tends to crankiness but ordinarily of a mild and mellow sort. The militant ahd aggressive crank appears where the captivating interest is some panacea propsition for the renoavtion of a wicked and suffering world.

If men and women are listened to one by one, the bearer can soon collate an astounding catalogue of theoretic reforms, any one of which alone, if the world were but discreet enough to accept it, would speedily abolish every ill that flesh is heir to—socialism, initiative and referendum direct primaries, return to the land, cooperative merchandising parcels post, vegetarianism and so on measurelessly to "what not."

One cannot even be sure that "what not" was reached when recently in the city of Chicago the national convention of chiropodists solemnly resolved that the sole thing necessary to alleviate the woes of life in America was a movement to cure the people's bunions,

Without question there are element of good in all these proposals; even bunion-curing deserves much said in its favor.

But the exaggerated form which these suggested panaceas

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POSITIVE FAITH.

By Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, D. D.

SUPPOSE you are a seedsman and I come into your store one morning and say," Spring is coming and I want some seeds for my garden. Please send up to my house a package of lettuce, turnip, beet, cabbage, and some flower seeds- I would like nasturtiums, some sweet peas, etc." You would sit in your chair, and without even moving, you say, "I don't know as I have any fresh seeds this morning that I can recommend. I haven't any new stock on hand and it is doubtful if my sweet peas will sprout. and I don't know about the turnips or lettuce."

WOULD THIS PAY IN BUSINESS?

If you were that kind of a seedsman, how many seeds would you sell, and how many customers do you think you would retain?

Suppose you are a grocer and I come into your store on my way down to my business and say: "Please send up to the house as soon as possible a pound of butter, a package of breakfast food, a dozen eggs, fifty cents, worth of sugar, a sack of fiour, and a bushel of pototoes." You sit in your chair and without even moving you say: I don't know that we have any potatoes this morning; I think we are all out, and I am afraid I cannot speak for the eggs; I dont know that they are fresh! and we happ to be out of sugar just at present, and I am afraid I cannot recommend the butter. We have not had any fresh butter in lately," etc.

If you were to act like that in the grocery business, how much groceries would you sell and how many curtomers would you retain in the course of a year?

Suppose you are a real estate man and I come into your office one morning and say, "I have just come to this town to make my home here because I like the looks of the place. I want a good-sized house for my family, and am willing to pay a good price, and have come in to see you about it." Suppose you were to sit still in your chair and say with indifference: "Well, I don't know as I have anything this morning business is dull onaccount of the presidential election. I had some good lots lost year, and some good houses. but nothing I can offer you now. Real estate is way down; nothing doing."

If you were to act like that as a real estate man, how much business would you have at the end of a year?

WHAT SHALL THE CHURCH ACCOMPLISH?

How much business will a church transact or Christianity accomplish on a basis of indifference or a lack of positive faith? We need to remember that Christianity made its begining in the hearts of men who were absolututely certain of what they had to offer the world. There were no question marks about their business. There was no indifference about what they had to offer the public. All the preachiug of the first century was absolutely positive and affirmative and it was because of that that Christianity made its rapid growth.

It is well for the Christian and the minister and the church member of to-day to sit down quietly and put down a number of things that he really knows about his Christian faith. Suppose we make such a list along the line of Paul's statement to Timothy: "For I know."

Tbe first thing I know in the way of a positive faith is:

THE "I KNOWS" OF POSITIVE FAITH.

I KNOW THERE IS A GOD.

Jesus never tried to argue about the existence of God. He simply took it for granted just as he wants us to. There is not a single human being in the world to-day who in his heart does not really believe this great fact. We can easily imagine what would happen to this universe if there were no God and if the whole thing came about by chance Christianity, of course, can make no progress in the world unless in the heart of every Christian disciple there is the most unquestioning faith in the existtence of a personal God, who is the Father of ns all.

I know that he is a loving God.

This means something more than power or force which creates. Suppose for a moment that the universe were ruled by a God of hate, and consider what awful harm he could bring upon us every minute. We would never be certain of anything. We would never depend upon any law to govern anything. If God were all powerful and all hateful, he could make every minute of our lives miserable. Instead of that, human life is crowded with happiness if we simply obey his commandments. The knowledge that God is love and not hate is an absolute necessity of the Christian faith.

I know that I can choose between right and wrong.

Sometimes we think that money is the great thing in life, or pleasure, or power; but in our sober moments we know that to do right or wrong means more to us than all the money, or power, or pleasure in the world. Money cannot buy the greatest thing in our lives. We cannot sell virtue or love for money. They are beyond price. Whether we do right or wrong in the course of the day determines our happiness or unhappiness in the end This knowledge is something about which we should have no

True Values.

Character is of infinite value.

During this last summer Mrs. Sheldon and myself were out on a lake in a boat with some friends and narrowly escaped drowning. There seemed to be no possible hope of getting the boat to shore. The captain ordered us to put on life preservers and said the boat would surely go down. For four hours we were in the heart of a tremendous storm, which threatened every moment to send the eutire company to the bottom. In those moments everything else seemed to be of no value by the side of life. All that we had on shore faded into insignificance by the side of simply being alive. In the long run we know that character is the only thing that can survive. We cannot take our money with us into the other country. Nothing is eternal except love and righteousness.

This is a piece of knowledge that means everything to the disciple, for that means that Jesus is an example and One who can help him live his life as he should. Among all the imperfect beings that ever lived in this world there has been One that has been perfect. That is a great help to all of us who are daily tempted and who need something more than human to help us.

Jesus' teaching is the best for the world.

When we compare Christianity with other religions we see at once the great difference. Christianity has done for the world what no other religion has done. It has brought about the civilization we now have. It has abolished slavery. After a while it will abolish the saloon and war and all great evils that now are a part of our lives.

His teaching of love to God and men, if practiced in business and politics and amusement and daily life, would transform people's habits and make them love one another.. The first Christians were called "those who turn the world upside down." Christianity is the religion which is always turning the world upside down. and in

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ONE THING FOR THE BOY

By Elmer Allen Bess.

The present unsettled condition of the world in every realm is not encouraging the faith of the boy. No spirit of the heroic moves him to engage in the average church life. The essence of the Christianty he sees does not appeal to him. Routine in not an attractive field of activity. He is becoming harder to get, and usually more difficult to establish in church habits.

In past years rigidity was the method for retaining him in the spiritual realm. In this there was too much of the hickory sting to last for ever. The reaction, as might have been expected, swung to a far extreme; now nothing was too good for the boy. Danger of making a "sissy" out of him was apparent, Love was prated about until ordinary discipline was viewed as barbarity. The physical emphasis were sure to follow. In the opposition of theories, at present, confusion reigns. The religion of the boy is in the same state.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement has directed attention anew to the boy, but some of his friends are worried over the uncommon sense that needs to be employed in dealing with him. The boy's relation to the kingdom of Christ must be outlined for him as thorough. He is not looking for the heroic any more than men are, but he hearkens to the strong call. It is not a tenth of him that he must be requested to surrender, but the whole thing. Christ must be his program as the mission of God to humanity. The church must get behind the guns to pour into him the shot to conquer na[illegible] of life. If [illegible] not expe[illegible] with return. F[illegible] ching, he wi[illegible] soldier of the [illegible]

He must be [illegible] tasks in the prog[illegible] faith. But assigned stunts lose attractiveness after a time. The boy must have learned constancy while being nurtured.

He must enter religious organizations. There he learns the value of unity. But if he has not obtained the one thing he is soon wearied. Suppers grapple his appetite. But he is likely to stalk off to 'the show" for keener entertainment.

He is a shifting mortal, and the church sometimes fails to see the point of contact—possibly because it persists in going afar.

The parents are the key to open the first great door of solution. If they claim they cannot do anything about it, the boy's chances are few. There are Christian homes where no daily opportunity is offered for a boy to ask questions about religion. He will be no martyr at the stake of his timidity. Family faith-dismemberment is continued in attendance at church. The pew is too crowded for the children. But if there must be omission it should not be the family service,

Christians guardians often have to admit that they do not understand their boy, when, if they studied his problem more, they might approach comprehension- They know less about him than about the autombile they intend to purchase. Too many are spiritual cowards in their conversation with him.

The minister is the key to the second door. The work can be done if the boy himself is included in the program. It takes more than a book or two on the subject to reach more than one boy. The local situation for any minister is a good-sized life effort. Theories must give way to the live boy; he is not twice the same.

The men of the church are the key to the third door of solution. The habit of speaking to their fellow men the truth concerning their faith is not widespread among sturdy men. But the boy needs such a statement from men. The big brother conception cannot be overworked, provided the kingdom is described as big enough for a brotherhood to operate. Church men are neglecting the field of easiest returns when they do not include the boy in the scheme of their aggressiveness for Chirst.

If the boy is to be trained for tomorrow, go after not a tenth of him, but his whole being, for Christ.

HE SHAPES OUR ENDS

BY CORA S. DAY

I started out with a very definite idea of what I wanted to do and how I meant to do it," said a man who has done good work in the world. "Before the year was gone, however, I had done somthing entirely different, and in a way of which I had never even dreamed when I thought I had my future all planned out so precisely. The beauty of it was that the plan and purpose and work that God gave me were infinitly better than any of which I had dared to dream. I had a modest but sincere intent to do something to make the world better, as well as to make a living for myself; but God took all my plans out of my hands and replaced them with bigger ones that he had ready for me. Yet after all I would never have been ready to take up his plans if I had not started out so earnestly to work out my own according to my best lights."

There is the secret of the "Divinity that shapes our ends." We must be in the figbt, trying to do something, our best and clearest duty, before that Divinity can take hold of us and lead us in the way that is best for us to go Our own plan may seem good to us, and we may wonder, even rebelliously sometimes, why we were not permitted to go on with it. But the divine Wisdom sees how roughly we are hewing out the path that he wants to be smoother and beautiful; so he takes the tool gently from our hands and puts another and better one in its place.

If we are alert to comprehend his thought for us, and to follow his leading, and to work out his will, then the ends of our life and work will be shaped aright. If we are looking for the chance to serve, he will put it where we cannot fail to see it. If we are trying with all our might to shape our efforts to his purpose we will be using the tool to accomplishment of such beauty that we and others shall know that it is indeed by God's aid and dedicated to him.

MEN AND THINGS.

We almost envy President Wilson his splendid outing in the Bermuda's. How well we remember the morning we first sighted St. Georges Harbor after being tossed about upon a stormy November sea. The tropical greenery that greeted the eye was refreshing indeed, and the summery atmostphere made one feel that he was approaching the shores of a new world. We do not know of a more delightful spot to winter than Hamilton, the capital of the Bermudas. We do not doubt that our President comes back to the grind of politics, greatly refreshed and strengthened for he will need all his brain, brawn and vim to see hlm through a great undertaking.

England's formal protest against our exempting our own coastwise shipping from tolls in passing through the Panama Canal, looks to us very cheeky. It is unreasonable for England to to expect us to toll our own ships in their passage from our Atlantic to our Pacific ports. When we build the Panama Canal with our own money, surely we have a right to any advantage that our own merchant Marine may get in the way of examption from toll.

"The cat in the meal tub" is, that England is afraid that her manufacturing supremacy in the far East is in danger: So it is, and our people are destined to come into their own.

Regular bathing is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

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Thursday, December 19, 1912.

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Are we getting ready to do a business with the far east, that our ancesters never dreamed of?

There is no reason why our Souther ports, Norfolk, Charleston, Wilmington Savannah, Mobile, New Orleans and Galveston, should not do the importing and exporting for atleast one half of this great country.

This would mean the building of large cities, and great enlargement of all our textile plants. It would mean that the South would become the great cotton manufacturing centre of the world. For why should we send our raw material to Great Bri[illegible] ian and the Continent to be spu[illegible] and woven, when we can do i[illegible] better at home and [illegible] world's markets, sooner and cheaper, than any other nation?

Yes the day the Panama Canal opens for business will be a day that assures the South a new era of prosperity and our neighbors across the sea will be looking our way to locate mills.

HOW NEAR CAN YOU GO TO DANGER

Young people of both sexes seem to have a desire to see just how close they can go to the danger mark and be safe. The little child who is afraid of a big oath, will use the nearest thing to it, that he may appear to be manish, and seems to forget the words of Jesus when he said. "But I say unto you, swear not at all, let your yea, be yea, and your nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than that, cometh of evil." Avoid the very appearance of evil. and shy away from that which has even an appearance of evil.

Wherever there is evil, let distance from it, be your safety. Dont try to see how near you can go toward telling a lie and yet be within the line of truth.

We knew a boy once who seemed to love prevarication, and would often tell a lie to keep his hand in, when really the truth would have served him better.

That boy was known as "the biggest liar in the school" and no one had any faith in what he said. "Like boy, like man," he grew up the same way, lived an unreliable life, and died early.

There is no bravery in daring the danger line of wrong, it is simply daring providence, and remember, providence does not take a dare.

A gentleman once advertised for a coachman and had many applicants, for the wages were good. He asked each one this question, "How near could you drive to the edge of a cliff without going over?"

There were many and varied answers. Some though they could go within a foot, some six inches, and one thought, he could go as near as three inches. At-last a bluff Irishman said "I wouldn't drive near the edge at all sor," "That is right," said the gentleman "you are the man I am looking for Pat,"

Lesson, avoid the edge of danger.

CASH RECEIPTS

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY

Churches.

Atkinson Memorial	18 80
Howard Memorial	35 85

Sunday Schools

Washington	18 00
Rocky Mount	4 73
Galdsboro	10 85
New Bern	3 18
A. H. Moments class Raleigh 1st.	12 00

Societies

Young Lad. Anxiliary	2 50
Ladies Aid	2 50
Young Ladies Band	4 00
Lend A. Hand Circle	3 50
Oak Hill Missionary	6 12
Total	$122 03

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sunday Schools

Asheville 1st	2 50

CONCORD PRESBYTERY

Churches

Barium Springs	8 00
Front Street	3 49
Cleveland	9 00
Third Creek	17 25
Davidson	65 30
Mocksville	10 00
Hickory	38 89
Palestine	3 50
Mooresville 2nd	4 00
Back Creek	1 00

Snnday Schools.

Davidson	6 56
McKinnon	4 70
Concord	23 30
Salisbury 1st	12 87
Thyatira	2 55
Prospect	2 14
Hicko[illegible]	8 86
[illegible]	11 50
[illegible]	7 16
[illegible] e 1st	4 00
[illegible] ch.	4 00
L[illegible] nood	6 00
Total	$254 07

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Churches

Aberdeen	4 43
Iona	5 27
St. Pauls	3 90
Willow Springs Chapel	2 00
Dundarrach	10 00
Laurinburg	150 00
Ashpole	120 12
Fayetteville	86 02
Sardis	10 00

Sunday Schools.

St. Pauls	10 00
Lumber Bridge	3 86
Union	1 78
Ida Mills, S. S. Class	4 00
Parkton	7 91
Ida Mills	6 15
Oakland	1 00
Hoffman	2 00
Carthage	17 16
Mt. Vernon Springs	5 00
Laurinburg	14 40
Gulf	88
Antioch	4 58
Hope Mills	7 56

Societies

Ladies Missionary So. Oakland	5 00
Miriam So. Hamlet ch.	5 00
Miriams and Covenanters Parkton	14 75
Sewing Circle	3 50
Ladies of Aberdeen ch.	4 00
Lad. Aid. So. Laurinburg	60
Ladies Missionary So. St. Pauls	5 50
Ladies Missionary So. Bethesda	10 00
Ladies So. Parkton	4 50
Missionary So, Mt, Verons Springs	6 25
Ladies Missionary So. Biscoe ch.	2 50
Busy Bee, Antioch	10 00
Covenanter Co. 27 Gulf ch.	3 50
Ladies Missionary So. Hope Mills	3 55
Total	$556 67

KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

Churches

Sunday Schools

Dallas	1 50
Forest City	2 07
New Hope	6 06

Societies.

Ladies Aid So. Lincolnton ch.	2 50
Lad. Aid and Mis. So. Olney	16 00
Total	$28 13

Mecklenburg Presbytery

Churches

Charlotte	
Williams Mem.	2 40
Westminister	23 76

Sunday Schools

Men's Bible Class Charlotte 1st	4 00
Banks	2 00
Paw Creek	12 91
Morven	3 00
Tenth Ave.	14 86
Wadesboro	5 00
West Minister	6 00

Societies.

Ladies Aid So. Marshville	4 00
Lad. Mis. So. Charlotte 2nd	3 00
Willing Workers Amity	2 50
Lad. Aid So. Wadesboro	2 50
Lad. Aid and Orphan So. Charlotte 1st	36 00
Young Lad. So. Groveton	10 00
Total	$131 93

Orange Presbytery

CHURCHES

Winston 1st	50 00
Cross Roads	1 86
Elkin 1st	1 75
Hillsboro	5 24
Reidsville	5 50
Buffalo	1 00

Sunday Schools

Westminister	24 00
Greensboro 1st S.S. Class	4 00
Chapel Hill	1 30
Midway	4 25
Durham 1st	72 76
Lexington	5 93
Flat Rock	2 00
Winston	13 1[illegible]
Alamance	11 0[illegible]

Societies.

Philathea Class Burlington	2 50
Ladies Aid and Mis. So-	
West Minster Gresnsboro	8 50
Willing Workers N. Wilkesboro	1 00
In his-name N Wiston ch.	2 50
Lad. Aid So. Walker Ave. ch.	4 00
Lad. of Lexington ch.	4 00
Lad. Mis. So, Leaksville	2[illegible]
Lad. of Thomasville	3 00
Mis. So. Asheboro	2 00
Busy Bee Yanceyville	5 00
Total	$238 72

Wilmington Presbytery

Churches

Wallace	7 35
Burgaw	4 00
Clarkton	20 59

Sunday Schools

Croatan	1 00
Clarkton	11 07
Graves Mem.	2 11
St. Andrews	6 25
Burgaw	2 00
Whiteville	1 86
Kennansville	3 00

Societies.

Lad. of South River ch.	5 85
Little Helpers Mis. So. Teacheys ch.	1 00
Lad. Mis. So. Beth Car.	1 00
Lad. Aid So. Clarkton	4 00
Total	$71 08
Chas. M. Stieff	2 00
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Miss S. C. Kelly	1 00
Mrs. Jasper Gibson	1 00
Dr. W. S. Hay	1 00
Mrs. Arthur Finley	1 00
Dexter Crowell	1 00
Chas. M. Stieff	2 00
Mrs. S. I. Young	1 00
B. T. Hancock	2 00
H. E. Ramseur	2 00
Total	70 00

Individuals

E. A. Snow	6 00
Mrs. Dillard Watt	25 00
Calvin Gibson	1 00
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THURSDAY, December. 19 1912

HOME HAPPENINGS

We failed to change our dateline for the first time in the history of the plant.

This issue is December 19th 1912. Our readers must pardon us, we "had Christmas in our bones."

CHRISTMAS TIDE

How quickly another year has rolled around, and here we are, bidding adieu to an old year, that has gone' with all its cares, joys and activities, and are getting ready to welcome "the New Year" with all its unknown trials and blessings.

From early childhood Christmas has ever been a time of joy, especially to children; and we hope it will so continue to the end of time.

How well we remember getting up before dawn and creeping to the chimney corner where our stockings had been hung, to see what Santa Claus had brought. And if we found a big stick of candy. an orange, and Barlow dog-knife, we felt supremely rich. There is not a child in Barium Home that does not receive on Christmas eve, more gifts, than in our childhood, we ever dreamed of. With the passing years, means of giving, and things to give have been multiplied, but we doubt if there is now either more genuine pleasure, or that the feeling of joy in possession, equals those old days when our lack of possession increased the value of what was given. We are going to give our children a good time, and shall endeavour to keep them in mind of God's greatest and best Christmas gift to man.

Our little boys and girls are getting very frisky as Christmas approaches, and they are evidently in a great state of expectancy. They want to know if Santa Claus is really coming? and are speculating as to what he will bring them.

The days of childhood are the sweetest and best, and their freedom from care, and hopeful outlook on life, makes one wish to be a child again.

Miss Leona Miller is spending a few days at home, and her sister Miss Daisy Miller is substituting for her at Annie Louise Cottage.

Miss Hudson is enjoying a visit to her home people at Mooresville.

Last Sunday was quite in contrast to a week ago when we had a mild beautiful day. It was clear, but very cold and notwithstanding the sharp air we had a good attendance at church and Sunday School.

At the close of the regular service, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Walker, gave earnest talks on stewardship, that we do not doubt will give our people enlarged interest in all the enterprises of the church.

We are greately indebted to the First church at Raleigh N. C. for 4 large boxes and one small box of Christmas gifts, and one bucket of candy.

This will help out old Santa Claus if he runs short on Christmas eve.

The following donations are most gratefully receved.

E. A. Steward Newron N. C. one crate of apples.

D. E. Wilkinson 4 pairs of shoes.

Ladies Aid Society of Bethel church 1 box grociers, ginghams and fruit.

W. S, Moore Greensboro N. C. 2 quilts 1 pair of shoes and half a gallon of preserves.

Mrs James Sprunt Wilmington N. C. 22 girls coats.

From Ridgeville N. C. 10 yards gingham 4 pairs of shoes.

Mrs. Addie C. McAllister Asheboro N C. one box of clothing.

Our Basement at the library building has been beautifully equipped as a store-room. With concrete floor and a counter of concrete on which to store quilts mattress, clothing and all sorts of things. It looks like a store room and has a lavatory as well.

This is a convenience we have long needed, and now the Burroughs Building serves even more purposes, than Rumple Hall.

Doubtless many of our readers criticse the errors in Typography spelling etc, that they find in "OUR FATHERLESS ONES." They must consider that this paper is set by children, the oldest 15, and the youngest 8 years of age. They make mistakes, we correct them, but sometimes, they do not correct our correction, and we do not find it out until too late.

We find that our individual correspondence, through long years, reveals the fact, that a perfect speller, is a rare specimen of the genus-homo.

In Our Fatherless Ones of Dec. 5th we made a short acknowledgment of a valuable box received from our valued friends of the the Pineville church. At that time gifts were pouring in and we simply acknwledged in the paper without specifying, all the contents of each package. We were very grateful for the following articles from our Pineville friends at that time. 3 new quilts, 8 sheets, pillow cases, 15 yards new goods 19 garments (dresses and underware) 10 over coats, towels, tea, candy sugar, etc. We stated in our ack[illegible]ment, "one box of old ar[illegible] and grocerie[illegible] did not mean t[illegible] any way, the gen[illegible]us gifts of our friends, and should have been more specific.

Our friends must put down anyslip of this kind as an error of the pen and not of the heart, we are grateful,

At the Iredell County Live Stock show in Statesville last week, our Orphanage Dairy made a good showing, and Ralph Sharpe is stepping high and only hitting in the high places. We took the following prizes.

Holestine Cow 1st prize, $5 in gold.

Holestine Heifer 1st prize $5 in trade at Ramsey Bowles and Morrisons.

Pete our Saddle Steer with Fred Stanley in the saddle 1st prize a Blue Ribbon and an Alarm Clock.

Our fifteen boys at Round Knob had a splendid day at the fair.

We are indebted to Mr. W. S. Spencer of the American Type Founders Co of Baltimore for four Composing rules, with a promise of more when we need them.

Our Typo's are very found of them.

PLEASE OBSERVE THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

I desire to make the following request of the friends of the Home who expect to ship any thing to the Home for Christmas, (or in fact at any time.)

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1. Get a bill of lading or express receipt of what you ship.
2. Mail the bill of laden or express receipt to me.
3. Address your package to me, or to the Orphanage.
4. Mark on each package the name of the shipper and your address.

These are simple instructions, it is true, yet friends have no idea how much trouble we are put to in locating packages, and in acknowledging them on account of failure to observe these simple rules. A great deal is sent to the Home from different sources, and many of these packages we cannot locate at all.

Cordially yours,
W. T. Walkkr,
Supt. and Treas.

CASH RECEIPTS.

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Friend at Angier	5 00
Geo. A. Holderness	6 00
F, P. Tate	6 00
Dr. A. S. Rose	6 00
Friend in Lenoir	12 00
Mrs. R. W. Gwyn	2 50
" W. T. Clark	6 00
" M. J. McLeod	4 00
" W. A. Sharpe	5 00
Friend in the West	6 00
Mrs. E. E. Nevens	2 50
J. C. Cooper Jr.	1 00
Mrs. T. G. Hall	2 50
Witherspoon children	1 25
Mrs. Everett Mrs. O. L. Smith, Mrs Wiggins Weldon ch.	8 00
B. Y. Cooper	10 60
J. P. Harvell	2 00
Mrs. M. M. Bost and family	5 00
J. K. Hall Houston	10 00
Mrs. Va. Shipp	10 00
" J. M. Gardner	2 00
" Matilda Irwin	1 00
" J. T. Anderson	1 00
" T. T. Hague	1 00
J.M. Wilson	1 00
S. F. Harper	4 00
John S. McKnight	1 00
Dr. W. A. Leslie	1 00
Mrs. A. R. Terry	1 00
J. R. Jones	5 00
Friend at Barium	2 00
Williamson, Baker and Dupuys	6 00
Sidney Cotton Mills	10 00
Total	189 75

Building and Real Estate Improvements.

Louis G. Beall Greensboro 1st ch.,	10 00
Laurel Hill ch.,	87 50
Burgaw Sunday School	5 00
Mrs. J. C. Wakefield Front St. ch., Statesville	5 00
Wm. E. McIlwain 2nd ch., Charlotte	100 00
Total	207 50

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Concord "	254 07
Fayetteville "	556 67
Kings Mountain "	28 13
Mecklenburg "	131 93
Orange "	238 72
Wilmington "	71 08
Individuals	189 75
Press	70 00
Improvements	207 50
Grand Total	$1872 38

RARE CHINESE ANTIQUITIES.

THERE was a notable shipment of Chinese antiquities from the collection of Mr. A. W. Bahr in Shanghai to an art gallery on Fifth Avenue, New York, for exhibition. The shipment includes about two hundred paintings, dating from the seventh to the fifteenth century, many pieces of Chinese stone and marble sculpture, bronzes. porcelains, and specimens of pottery. Of peculiar interest in the exhibit are two hundred coins, dating from fifteen hundred years before Christ to 400 A. D., and a collection of banknotes of the Tang dynasty in the sixth century. These banknotes are made of a peculiar kind of paper that crumples like silk. yet shows no creases. The system of currency was exactly the same as that of our American banknotes of to-day. They represented the promise to pay of private banks. and were guaranteed by the government, Each bill is dated and has printed on its surface rings of a size varying with its value, so that the illiterate could not be deceived. These specimens are eloquent witnesses to the fondness for the beautiful, and the enterprise, or the dim centuries of th past. It is a question whether the museums preserve, or the excavations have revealed any coins or banknotes more ancient than some of these. Some of them are dated almost as many centuries back of Christ as are between us and Him who held a Roman coin in his hand and made it preach a sermon on the duty of the Christian to the state.

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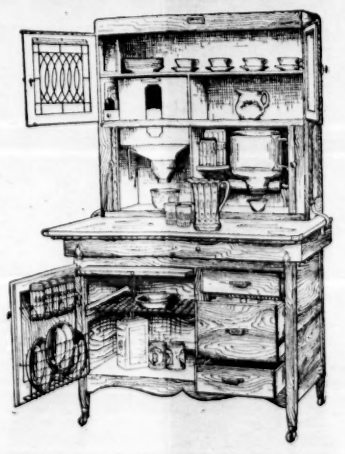

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POSITIVE FAITH.

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the end it will conquer.

I know I ought to practice his teaching.

If his teaching is the best in world, and if obedience will make heaven on earth, I ought to be a Christian myself. I cannot escape the obedience I owe to him who came into the world to save people from their sins. He came to call me personally. This is a logical conclusion I cannot escape. Jesus himself said once, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

This of course, is a piece of knowledge that everybody has but very often forgets. It is well for us to remember that no matter how long life may seem, it will sometime have an end. I ought to live conscious of that fact and act accordingly.

I cannot prove this by science or by logic. I depend for this knowledge on what Jesus said about it and simple rest my faith on his testimony. When he said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you," and again, when he said to the dying robber on the cross, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise," this is the knowledge that gives the world eternal hope of a world which will be free from sickness and sin, from selfishness and from death.

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The hope of the world is in Jesus Christ.

It is not in political parties or universities or culture or money. Nothing can ever change men's hearts except a faith in him which will change their habits and make them new creatures. This knowledge underlies all the great life of the world and is its constant inspiration and hope.

We need to-day a positive faith, which grows out of the positive knowledge we have. A ministry which is not sure about the miracles or the resurrection or the power of Christ to change human nature is a minstry which will never prevail. If some of our churches are loosing ground, if men are not going to church service, if preaching seems have lost its power, it is because the pulpit and the pew do not sound a note of pasitive faith. Men and are woman hungry for the bread of life. They want affirmations, not question-marks. They want the things that are knowledge and not the battle-grounds of theological discussion. The church to-day should be preaching and living a positive faith. That alone can redeem the world.

AN ESSAY ON CRANKS.

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assume and the absurd claims of sufficiency made in their beha f, derive from a total failure to take into account the endless complex os characters, influences and tendencies wereof any real human problem inevitably consists. The pathetic paltriness of the partial view stultifies them every one.

Religion by all rights ought to be far beyond the realm of crankism. It is the one singular interest on which life may be concentrated without distortion, simply because religion is founded on the one relation that in the natrue of things incorporates every other—the relation of men to their Maker.

None the less, experience testifies sadly to the frequent invasion of the field of religion by most obnoxious specimens of the crank genus. But there is no mystery about their origin.

Such cranks are souls too small to encompass the universal perspective in which all mankind is seen equally near and dear to the heavenly Father. Taking instead the biased and angular standpoint of some pet philosophy or creed, they look out on only a sectian of humanity or a fragmental aspect of human need, and in such petty views of God's will for his world their religion infallibly becomes bigotry.

From the pity of this stunting restriction only large and generous association with God, intered in all the interests of his children, can save any man.

But why have cranks such repute for usefulness?

Well, undoubtedly cranks have bettered the world. But not because they were cranks, but because they were dead ln earnest.

And their crankiness was no needful condition of their earnestness.

To select one's field of service in the world and then devote one's self to it with all one's consecrated might, untiring and unfailing, is no whit more difficult for one who has swung his eyes around the horizon and seen, before begining work, the due relation between his field and all other fields in which zealous men toil for God.

Indeed, when he has so surveyed the great circle of the earth, he will be the better worker, because he will not fret himself with supposing that what he sees done in his own field is the sole measure of what God is accomplishing.

Not the crank, but the broad-minded brother of all men, is God's best soldier.

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